

Haverford, PA – Today, Congressman Sestak met with the Senior Citizen's Council of Haverford Township to discuss his work at home and in the capitol on behalf of seniors in the seventh district. Sestak, whose District Office has closed more than 1,000 cases related to seniors, has remained committed to establishing increased security for seniors since his election. "Seniors, who represent more than 15 percent of the population in our district, play an integral role in our society and the local economy," said Congressman Sestak. "I have often said that it is our government's responsibility to not only enhance the healthy security of our country's senior, but also to ensure their economic and community security."

{During the meeting, the Congressman highlighted the Elder Abuse Victims Act, a piece of legislation he drafted and helped pass through the House Judiciary Committee in early June. The bill is aimed to protect America's seniors from physical, mental and financial abuse by, among other provisions, addressing and correcting the failures in state elder abuse policies, establishing a Center for the Prosecution of Elder Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation, and funding Elder Abuse Victims' Advocacy Grants.

"This bill holds particular significance to me as my testimony about it before the House Judiciary Committee was the first House hearing on elder abuse in 17 years," the Congressman said. "With nearly two million Americans age 65 or older subject to elder abuse, we are long overdue in addressing this issue."

Congressman Sestak also discussed his co-sponsorship of the Alzheimer's Treatment and Caregiver Support Act, which would provide grants to improve treatment services and expand training and support services for families and caregivers of the 4.5 million Americans afflicted with the disease.

With regards to promoting community security for seniors, the Congressman mentioned the Silver Scholarship Program, an amendment to the GIVE Act, which he drafted and passed that would provide a \$1,000 continuing education award to citizens over age 55 who commit to volunteering for over 600 hours per year.

The Congressman also addressed one of the more pressing issues regarding seniors in the area, the Wachovia Bank fraud scam this past spring. Hundreds of seniors were defrauded, and along with Representatives Frank and Markey, the Congressman ensured that reimbursement

checks would be directly mailed to seniors.

In continuing his effort to aid seniors in our area, the Congressman will host a Senior Summit and Service Fair on Wednesday, August 13. The fair will include a panel discussion, question and answer session, and a service fair and will be held at Penn State's Brandywine Campus.

Born and raised in Delaware County, former 3-star Admiral Joe Sestak served in the Navy for 31 years and now serves as the Representative from the 7th District of Pennsylvania. He led a series of operational commands at sea, including Commander of an aircraft carrier battle group of 30 U.S. and allied ships with over 15,000 sailors and 100 aircraft that conducted operations in Afghanistan and Iraq. After 9/11, Joe was the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit that established strategic and operations policies for the "Global War on Terrorism." He served as President Clinton's Director for Defense Policy at the National Security Council in the White House, and holds a Ph.D. in Political Economy and Government from Harvard University. According to the office of the House Historian, Joe is the highest-ranking former military officer ever elected to the Congress.

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